

Case No. 4717



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

McLaughlin et al.

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PCR**

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Introductory Comments

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated May 7, 2003. The amendments herein are set forth in the revised format as described in the Office's notice entitled Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted in the February 25, 2003 Official Gazette. Entry of the amendments below and reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the helpful telephone interview on Friday September 5, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification occurs on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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